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HARVESTING AND IMPLANTING BONE  
PLUGS

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**RESPONSE FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant submits this paper along with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Advisory Action dated October 31, 2007.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.